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SUBJ: ADMINISTRATION OF TURK CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS

1. EMBOFF CALLED AUGUST 23 ON BEDRETTIN TUNABAS, ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FONMIN'S GREEK-CYPRUS DEPT, TO DISCUSS SEVERAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING PLANNING FOR AND ACTUAL ADMINISTRATION OF TURKEISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS: (A) NAMING OF CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE UNDER DEFMIN ISIK TO PLAN FUTURE POLICY AND ACTION; (B) DESIGNATION UNDER THAT COMMITTEE OF ZIYA MUEZZINOGLU (FORMER FINANCE MINISTER, HEAD OF STATE PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND AMBASSADOR TO FRG) TO HEAD AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE; (C) VISIT TO ISLANDOVER AUGUST 23-25 WEEKEND OF FINANCE MINISTER BAYKAL AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER OZAL; (D) ASSIGNMENT TO CYPRUS AS "ADVISOR" OF A CAREER PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR FROM TURK INTERIOR MINISTRY AND (E) DENKTAS REFERENCES TO A "TURKISH AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATION" ON THE ISLAND.

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2. TUNABAS, AFTER NOTING THAT THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THESE

DEVELOPMENTS WERE BEING HANDLED BY THE FONMIN'S ECONOMIC DEPT, SAID THAT IN GENERAL WHAT GOT HAD IN MIND WAS A "MASSIVE" INCREASE IN THE FINANCIAL AID IT HAD BEEN GIVING THE TURK-CYPRIOTS SINCE 1960. IT WILL BE MUEZZINOGLU'S DUTY TO DETERMINE THE WAYS IN WHICH THAT MONEY CAN BE SPENT MOST EFFECTIVELY.

3. AS FOR THE POLITICAL SIDE, ON WHICH HE WAS OBVIOUSLY SPEAKING ON THE BASIS OF MORE INFORMATION, TUNABAS REPORTED THAT DENKTAS, DURING HIS MOST RECENT ANKARA VISIT, HAD FAVORED IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF AN "INDEPENDENT" TURK-CYPRIOT STATE, BUT ONE WHICH WOULD LEAVE DOR OPEN FOR FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT WITH GREEK PORTION OF ISLAND "WHEN SATISFACTORY AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN REACHED." ALTHOUGH GOT HAD OVERRULED DENKTAS ON THIS OBJECTIVE, TUNABAS THOUGHT THAT, IF "CURRENT SITUATION" CONTINUES, SUCH A DECLARATION WILL REMAIN A POSSIBILITY.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED HERE THAT SHORTLY BEFORE EMBOFF'S CALL ON TUNABAS PRIMIN ECEVIT WAS ASKED BY A REPORTER ABOUT DENKTAS' USE OF THE TERM "TURKISH AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATION" AND REPLIED THAT THIS WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA DECLARATION (SEE PARA 5). ECEVIT CONTINUED THAT, DESPITE THE GREEK "HESITATIONS," LIFE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE IN THE TURKISH REGION AND SO NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE.

5. TUNABAS, IN REPLY TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, COMMENTED THAT TURK-CONTROLLED AREA OF ISLAND WAS NOW UNDOUBTEDLY BEING ADMINISTERED BY THE TURKISH MILITARY, WITH TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM A SMALL TURK INTERIOR MINISTRY GROUP AND CONSTANT CONSULTATIONS WITH DENKTAS.

6. TUNABAS CONCLUDED THAT HE KNEW OF NO LONG RANGE PLANS BEYOND THAT. IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION, HOWEVER, THAT ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE TURNED BACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE TURK-CYPRIOTS, FIRST AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL AND THEN FOR THE ENTIRE AREA. IF "ALL WORKS OUT WELL," TUNABAS THOUGHT THE "REMAINING" TURK MILITARY FORCES WOULD THEN CONCENTRATE THEMSELVES IN A FEW CAREFULLY DESIGNATED MILITARY SITES AND LEAVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE TURKISH AREA TO THE TURK-CYPRIOTS THEMSELVES.

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